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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO JULY 4 CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT:
QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE
HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE
AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL
RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO PEOPLE. I SHARE WITH YOU THE HOPE THAT OUR MUTUAL EF-
FORTS TO FIND A PERMANENT AND EQUITABLE PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND I REITERATE MY DETER-
MINATION TO MAINTAIN PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL. WITH HIGH
RESPECT AND WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, GERALD R. FORD.
UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: TEXT OF SADAT MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. IT
GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE INDEED TO EXTEND TO YOU ON THE IN-
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DEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR COUNTRY IN MY OWN

NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ALONG WITH VERY SINCERE GOOD WISHES. HENCE I WISH TO REITERATE THAT THE EFFORTS YOU SINCERELY EXERT ON THE WAY TOWARDS WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY DOUBTLESS WILL

CONTRIBUTE TO ESTABLISHING PERMANENT AND EQUITABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE U.S. BY VIRTUE OF HER HIGHLY DISTINGUISHED PLACE IN OUR CONTEMPORARY WORLD MUST DEVOTE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT SATISFACTORY AND JUST SETTLEMENT FOR THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. FINALLY ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AS WELL AS INCREASING PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. WITH HIGHEST ESTEEM AND MOST SINCERE CONSIDERATION, MOHAMMAD ANWAR EL SADAT. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF REPLY, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOE WISHES TO DO SO.

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